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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
FROM : Chief, Austria Bureau
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I. GENERAL

A late month surge in the strength of the dollar pushed the average Austrian schilling/dollar exchange rate to 12.11 to 1, its highest level in eight months. ✓

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. On 6 June, AU assumed coverage of FRG media, with the shift in responsibility [redacted] moving without a hitch. Although initially restricted to the major FRG publications and to selected radio and TV broadcasts, coverage will expand and become increasingly comprehensive as our two new German monitors become fully productive and as the German section -- now the Bureau's largest -- becomes more familiar with its expanded duties. STAT

2. In addition to coping with the added FRG coverage, the German section faced an inordinate amount of material from the GDR during the month. Two documents alone -- the Politburo report to the Sixth SED Central Committee Session and the Central Committee theses on the KPD anniversary -- ran more than 70 takes.

3. The BBC newsroom forwarded special thanks to the Bureau for "excellent" handling of Bucharest radio reportage on the 17 June RCP Executive Political Committee meeting at which several senior officials were dismissed in connection with waste dumping at Sulina Port. Shift Supervisor [redacted] recognized the importance of this subject and excerpted it from the radio's lengthy reportage, STAT

enabling the BBC to be several hours ahead of other Western agencies with the story.

4. With only a few hours notice, the Bureau's Romanian section geared up to cover a live relay of the opening of a joint meeting of the National Council of Working People and the National Council of Agriculture in Bucharest on the second of the month. The relay consisted of a 3-and-1/2 hour speech by Ceausescu which was texted and filed that same day.

B. Communications

On 24 June, AU's primary communications circuit was reconfigured to pass through the Bonn BAX on its way to Croughton. Since that time, several short-term outages have occurred as the result of further work on either the Vienna-Bonn or Bonn-Croughton leg of the circuit.

C. Lateral Services

1. At his request, Ambassador Zimmermann at CSCE was provided with a copy of the opening speech by Soviet leader Gorbachev at the CPSU conference. Arrangements were also made for the CSCE delegation to receive drop copies of elite leader speeches at the conference filed by London Bureau.

2. On the 16th, a video recording of CSSR TV reportage on the 6-10 June military exercises in southwest Bohemia was pouched to the DAO at the U.S. Embassy in Prague.

D. Technical

1. The Bureau Chief paid a 1-day visit to Brindisi, Italy, 15 June to review with base authorities the status of the FBIS facility there. As a result of the visit a host-tenant agreement is being prepared to insure continued Air Force support to the facility.

2. An RS-232 patch panel was installed and tested in the Communications Room.

3. The "Trailblazer Plus" modem was received and installed in the Communications Room. The modem is for use with the IDD communications altroute. It has been wired and an associated PC has been connected. Testing will be done as soon as the Austrian PTT approves the modem and a new phone line has been installed.

4. A DPA (press agency) circuit, DIP 225141, was installed, tested and placed in service as of 3 June.

IV. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Four third-country-national monitor applicants were placed in pre-employment processing during the month. It is hoped that the two Russian, one Czech/Slovak and one Polish candidates will be on board by the end of July.

2. [redacted] joined the Bureau's German section on 5 and 19 June respectively. STAT

3. Polish Monitor [redacted] executed a new travel agreement effective to 28 June 1990. STAT

4. System Administrator [redacted] and Communications Supervisor Operator [redacted] were presented well-earned promotions to FBN-08/04 and FBN-07/04, respectively, effective 19 June. STAT
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5. The following personnel received Periodic Step Increases during the month: [redacted] to FBN-05/03, effective 5 June; [redacted] to FBN-07/02, effective 5 June; [redacted] to FBN-08/03, effective 19 June; [redacted] to FBN-08/04, effective 19 June; and [redacted] to FBN-09/04, effective 19 June. STAT
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B. Building and Grounds

1. A Selectone dual tone fire/terrorist alarm system was received and installed during the month. The Bureau's in-house Siemens fire detection system will be integrated with the Selectone system in the near future.

2. The Bureau's emergency generator was tested on full load for 2 hours on 30 June. No problems were encountered.

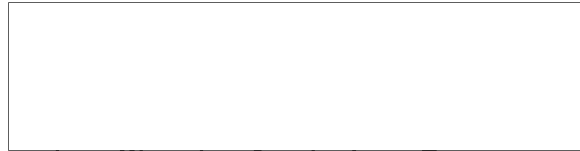
IV. VISITS

The Bureau received the following visitors during the month:

Production Group officer [redacted], 6-10 June, for orientation; Headquarters analysts [redacted] STAT
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[redacted] 7 June, for familiarization and discussions on coverage and processing; Analysis Group officer [redacted], 9-11 June, for familiarization and coverage/processing review.

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Attachments:

Production Report
Staff Personnel Report
Non-Staff Personnel Report